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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 20, CHARGE ASKED MFA UNDER SECRETARY MANSOURI IF WE COULD EXPECT SOON TO RECEIVE A REPLY TO OUR PROPOSED ARTICLE 8 OF THE MOU. HE NOTED THAT THE MATTER WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE MOU WAS A DOCUMENT THAT WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE US MILITARY TRAINING MISSION AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION.

2. MANSOURI SAID THAT THE MINISTRY'S REPLY TO THE EMBASSY'S LATEST DEMARCHE (REFTEL) SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON AFTER THE HIGH HOLY DAYS (WHICH RUN PRETTY MUCH TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER). HE SAID THE MFA'S PROPOSAL ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR USMTM PERSONNEL WOULD ROUGHLY FOLLOW PRECEDENTS ESTABLISHED FOR UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL OFFICIALS. THAT IS, AN OFFICIAL WOULD DERIVE IMMUNITY FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF A FUNCTION AND WOULD ENJOY PRIVILEGES AT SUCH TIME AS HIS ACTIVITIES WERE SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THAT FUNCTION -- SUCH AS BEING ON THE JOB, OR DRIVING TO AND FROM WORK, ETC.
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